


If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The following paragraph is **INSERTED** at page 1, between lines 5 and 6, as follows:

This application is a continuation of International Application PCT/JP98/04059 filed
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